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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SITE GUARD FOR INTRAVENOUS SITES
AND OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS**

the specification of which:

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☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on January 15, 2002 as
Application Ser. No. 10/046,800.

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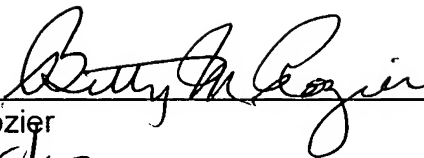
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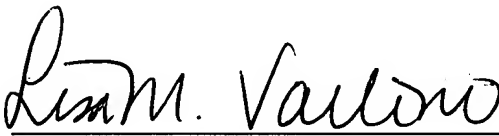
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